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In re Patent Application of:

**Urs STAUFER et al.**

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For: **DEVICE FOR STABILIZING  
AND/OR POSITIONING A  
METAL TOOL IN A BODY CAVITY**

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 7 of this paper.